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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/691)*]

54/251. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

The General Assembly

I

REQUEST FOR SUBVENTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH RESULTING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD[1]

Approves the recommendation of a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 2000, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001;[2]

[1] A/54/201, annex II, paras. 10-13.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

II

JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2000-2001 in the amount of 7,334,400 dollars;[3]

III

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Approves a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2000-2001 in the amount of 12,254,800 dollars;[3]

IV

REVISED ESTIMATES RESULTING FROM RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF 1999

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[4] on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999;

V

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;[6]

2. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 62,301,100 dollars net for the biennium 2000-2001 and an increase of 3,282,800 dollars net for the biennium 1998-1999, for the administration of the Fund;

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[3] Ibid., vol. III, sect. 29.

[4] A/54/443 and Add.1.

[5] A/54/206.

[6] A/54/7/Add.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

3. *Also approves* an addition to the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001 in the amount of 401,400 dollars for the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund, and an increase of 18,400 dollars in the estimates of income from rental of premises;

4. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2000-2001 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

VI

CONTINGENCY FUND

Notes that a balance of 16,362,700 dollars remains in the contingency fund;[7]

VII

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[8] on the revised estimates under section 3, Political affairs, and section 5, Peacekeeping operations, and the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[9]

2. *Approves* the charge of total requirements of 3,755,800 dollars against the provisions proposed for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001[2] in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/206 of 18 December 1998, and concurs that the related provisions for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, already included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, shall be transferred from section 5, Peacekeeping operations, to section 3, Political affairs;

VIII

SPECIAL POLITICAL MISSIONS

Notes that the current utilization of the provision for special political missions amounts to 55,363,100 dollars and that an unallocated balance of 35,024,100 dollars remains against the provision of 90,387,200 dollars for special political missions;[10]

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[7] See A/C.5/54/46.

[8] A/C.5/54/40.

[9] A/54/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[10] See A/C.5/54/45.

IX

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT ADDIS ABABA

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa;[11]

X

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PRINTING PRACTICES OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the internal and external printing practices of the Organization[12] and the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[13]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the internal and external printing practices of the Organization to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

XI

RENTAL OF UNITED NATIONS PREMISES BY PRESS AND OTHER ENTITIES

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the rental of United Nations premises by press and other entities[14] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[15]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the outstanding information to the Advisory Committee as requested;

3. *Decides* to revert to the subject at its resumed fifty-fourth session;

XII

SECTION 26, PUBLIC INFORMATION

Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General;[16]

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[11] A/54/431.

[12] A/C.5/54/18.

[13] A/54/7/Add.5, paras. 16-19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[14] A/C.5/54/25.

[15] A/54/7/Add.5, paras. 25-28. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[16] A/C.5/54/27.

XIII

USE OF GENERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIFIC POSITIONS

Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the use of general temporary assistance for specific positions,[17] and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[18]

XIV

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Takes note of the information provided in the report of the Secretary-General,[19] and concurs with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20] that, on an exceptional basis, the special account be maintained and the unspent balance retained until all the activities and programmes outlined in the report of the Secretary-General of 13 May 1998[21] and approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/3 of 12 October 1998 are completed.

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[17] A/C.5/54/33.

[18] A/54/7/Add.5, paras. 34-44. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[19] See A/54/501.

[20] A/54/7/Add.3, para. 7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[21] A/52/898 and Corr.1.